

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

May 26, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Agenda

Attendance: Commissioners Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, Laliberty, Merrill, Nale, Payne, Weeks; City Clerk Patti Dubois; City Finance Director Aaron Berls

Motion to approve 5/20/20 minutes **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion to approve Charter Amendments – First Vote 5/20/20

- motions except amendments #RN-57 and #RN-125 **Motion Passed: 10-0**
- Amendments #RN-125 and #RN-57 **Motion Passed: 9-1 (Merrill)**

Motion by Nale/Finch to create a section in the charter mandating that the city council create an ordinance outlying policies and procedures surrounding any emergency that may arise. **Motion passed: 10-0**

Motion by Payne/Weeks to table to the 6/4 meeting consideration of removing the requirement to send quarterly updates to school board/council in Art 7 Sec 9. **Motion Passed: 7-3 (Burdick, Finch, Laliberty)**

Motion by Payne/Weeks to table to the 6/4 meeting consideration of removing term limit requirement for school board and council members in Art 7 Sec 9. **Motion Passed: 7-3 (Burdick, Finch, Laliberty)**

Motion by Payne/Weeks to table to the 6/4 meeting consideration of removing the requirement to meet at least quarterly in Art 7 Sec 9. **Motion Passed: 7-3 (Burdick, Finch, Laliberty)**

Motion by Finch/Nale to amend Article IX to add Kennebec Water District Trustees with a number of signatures to be at least 5 and not more than 10 from voters in each ward of the city. **Motion Failed: 4-6 (Bofia, Koch, Nale, Merrill, Payne, Weeks)**

Motion by Koch/Finch to amend Article IX to add Kennebec Water District Trustees with a number of signatures to be at least 25 and not more than 50 from

any voters within the city, with at least one signature from each ward. **Motion Passes: 8-2 (Merrill, Payne)**

Motion by Bofia/Payne to eliminate party affiliation from the ballot. Motion **Failed: 4-6 (Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, Laliberty, Merrill)**

Motion by Finch/Payne to send finalized Articles of 1-6, and 7 to Bill Lee for review. **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Discussion item by Ron Merrill: How Charter revisions actually get presented to voters - **held until 6/4 meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 8:06pm.

Next meeting: June 3rd at 6pm via Zoom.